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Title : COMPOUNDS CAPABLE OF MODULATING THE ACTIVITY AND
STIMULATING THE PRODUCTION OF A CATALYTIC ANTIBODY**Mail Stop Amendment**

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND AMENDMENT

Responsive to the action mailed October 8, 2004, applicants wish to withdraw their previous election of Group I, submitted on September 10, 2004. Instead, **applicants elect the invention of Group II**, drawn to a ligand binding itself to a receptor or a fragment or an analogue thereof, which is capable of modulating the activity of a catalytic antibody characterized in that it has specific affinity for the catalytic site of the antibody and is non immunogenic. Applicants request that claims 22-23 drawn to pharmaceutical compositions, which were not included in the restriction requirement, be examined with group II. Further, applicants select a peptide comprising the amino acid sequence LNRRA as the specific composition as required by the Examiner. Claims 1, 5, and 22-25 read on the selected species. The election is made without traverse.

Please amend the application as indicated on the following pages.

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